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SOME DATA ON USSR FORESTRY, TIMBER, AND PAPER AND
WOOD-PROCESSING INDUSTRIES, AS OF JANUARY 1952

MINISTRY OF FORESTRY PRODUCES INSTRUCTION FILMS -- Moscow, Lesnaya Promyshlennost',
 6 Jan 52

In 1951, the Ministry of Forestry USSR produced three motion picture films
 for instruction purposes: "Mechanization of Steppe Tree Planting Operations"
 (Mekhanizatsiya rabot pri stepnom lesorazvedenii), in four parts; "Protection
 of Forests From Harmful Insects in the Steppe and Forest Steppe Regions of the
 European USSR" (Zashchita lesa ot vrednykh nasekomykh v stepnykh i lesostepnykh
 rayonakh yevropeyskoy chasti SSSR), in three parts; and "New Methods of Fight-
 ing Forest Fires" (Novoye v bor'be s lesnymi pozharemi), in two parts.

DOUBLE MECHANIZED LOGGING VOLUME -- Moscow, Lesnaya Promyshlennost', No 1,
 Jan 52

The amount of timber felled by electric saws, skidded by tractors, and
 loaded by cranes and other mechanical equipment in the USSR was almost twice
 as great in 1951 as in 1950.

MECHANIZATION RISES IN KARELO-FINNISH SSR -- Petrozavodsk, Leninskoye Znaniya,
 5 Jan 52

At the plenary meeting on 28 - 29 December 1951 of the TsK KP(b) Karelo-
 Finnish SSR, V. P. Smirnov, party secretary, revealed the following information:

By the end of the 1946 - 1950 Five-Year Plan, mechanization of timber
 haulage in the Karelo-Finnish SSR had increased 2.3 times as compared with the
 prewar level, and 65 percent of all skidding work had been mechanized. In the
 USSR, as a whole, mechanization of timber haulage had increased two times and
 mechanization of skidding, six times.

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In 1952, the timber industry of the republic is to receive enough new equipment to raise the level of mechanized felling to 85 percent, mechanized skidding to at least 80 percent, and mechanized haulage to 68 percent.

In 1952, the Ministry of Timber Industry Karelo-Finnish SSR is to fell and haul 35 percent more timber than in 1951. This goal is to be attained mainly through increased labor productivity and better utilization of machinery.

INCREASE TIMBER FLOATING IN KARELO-FINNISH SSR -- Petrozavodsk, Leninskoye Znanya, 9 Jan 52

In 1951, the floating enterprises of the Karelo-Finnish SSR transported 572,000 more cubic meters of timber than in 1950.

Floating volume in 1952 is to increase by 40 percent.

SVERDLOVSK LOGGERS PROMISE TO EXCEED SEASONAL PLAN -- Moscow, Lesnaya Promyshlennost', 6 Jan 52

In a letter to Stalin, the timber industry workers of Sverdlovsk Oblast promise to meet the plan for the 1951 - 1952 fall and winter logging season, which ends on 31 March 1952, ahead of time and to haul 288,000 cubic meters of timber in excess of the plan. The excess is to be provided by the logging enterprises of the various ministries in the following quantities:

Ministry of Timber Industry USSR (Sverdles Trust, 64,000 cubic meters; Sverdlesdrev Trust, 20,000 cubic meters)	84,000 cu m
Ministry of Ferrous Metallurgy USSR (trusts of Glavlesmet: Severolesdrevmet Trust, 61,000 cubic meters; Alapayevsklesdrevmet Trust, 22,500 cubic meters; Sverdlesdrevmet Trust, 29,000 cubic meters)	112,500 cu m
Ministry of Transportation (Sverdtranles Trust)	47,000 cu m
Ministry of Construction Materials Industry (Talitskiy Timber Management)	15,000 cu m
Ministry of Paper and Wood-Processing Industry (Sverdkhimles Trust)	5,000 cu m
Sverdlovsk Oblast Administration of Local Fuel Industry	25,000 cu m
Total	288,500 cu m

TYUMEN' LOGGERS BEAT 1950 VOLUME -- Moscow, Lesnaya Promyshlennost', 13 Jan 52

The timber managements of Tyumen' Oblast felled 800,000 and hauled 680,000 more cubic meters of timber in 1951 than in 1950, even though the oblast, as a whole, did not meet the state plan.

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URGES CONSOLIDATION OF ASTRAKHAN' TRANSSHIPMENT BASES -- Moscow, Izvestiya, 15 Jan 52

The city of Astrakhan' is the terminus of timber-floating operations down the Volga River. From there, wood is sent to the many Caucasian and Transcaucasian construction projects. For receipt of timber and its dispatch to its final destination, there are transshipment bases, subordinate to the various ministries, and so-called authorized offices of the construction projects. Some ministries have created numerous such bases in Astrakhan', with large staffs of workers and office employees. For example, the Ministry of Electric Power Stations USSR has five such bases, and the Ministry of Petroleum Industry USSR has two.

While all of these organizations have quite small timber-shipping plans, their expenditures are enormous. For example, the transshipment base of Gyumushgesstroy, Ministry of Electric Power Stations, shipped only 28,000 cubic meters of timber in 1950, but spent 649,000 rubles. In 1951, the organization shipped still less wood, but its administrative and other expenditures rose to 770,000 rubles.

It is time that adjustments are made with respect to this matter. Supply of wood to enterprises and construction projects would be improved if all ministries would unite their Astrakhan' transshipment bases; such consolidation would also liquidate excessive expenditures of state funds.

PAPER OUTPUT RISES 12 PERCENT -- Moscow, Lesnaya Promyshlennost', 31 Jan 52

Output of paper in the USSR in 1951 was 112 percent as compared with 1950.

FIRST CHITA FURNITURE FACTORY OPENS -- Vil'nyus, Sovetskaya Litva, 4 Jan 52

Operation of the first furniture factory in Chita Oblast has begun in the city of Chita. In 1952, the enterprise is to produce 2 million rubles' worth of furniture.

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